The Hermitage
Savannah Vicinity
Chatham County
Georgia

PHOTOGRAPHS
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
South Georgia District

Historic American Buildings Survey

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THE HERMITAGE
On the Savannah River, near
Savannah, Chatham County
Georgia

Owner:

Date of Erection: 1820.

Architect and Builder: Henry McAlpin.

Present Condition: Removed.

Number of Stories: One, and basement.

Materials of Construction: Brick and stucco.

Other Existing Records: See text. [1]   See excellent photographs repro-
                duced in Gardens of Colony and State, vol. 2.

Additional Data: See following pages.

[1]
  See Great Georgian Houses of America, 20-23.
        Gardens of Colony and State, vol 2, 297-9.
        Garden History of Georgia, 30,31.
        Ware: The Georgian Period, vol. 1, 245; vol.5, 288-9.
        Denmark: Architecture of the Old South, plate 51.

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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THE HERMITAGE, on the Savannah River, Chatham County, Georgia.

Early Republican. Brick stuccoed, high basement, one story, one story columned veranda. Front and rear façades identical.

Designed and built by Henry McAlpin, a Scotch architect, 1820.

He retained the name, "The Hermitage", given to the plantation by M. Montilet, a French Huguenot, from whom he acquired the property in 1814.

A portion of the property acquired by Mr. McAlpin had been "Glebe Lands", granted by George III to Christ Church at Savannah.

The bricks of the walls of the house and outbuildings were made by slave labor from a sub-strata of clay on the plantation. Bricks were made here for many buildings in Savannah.

The Hermitage has not been occupied by a resident since it was sacked by Sherman's soldiers.

The slave quarters adjacent to the house are still occupied by descendants of the slaves for whom they were built. (1934)

Source of Information:
Garden History of Georgia,
p. 30.

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